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In re Application of :
Lawrence S. Mathews et al :
Serial No.: 09/742,684 : WITHDRAWAL OF ABANDONMENT
Filed: December 19, 2000 :
Attorney Docket No.: SALK1720-6 :

This is in response to applicants' petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed November 15, 2002, requesting revival of the above-identified application based on timely reply to an Office action.

A review of the file history shows the examiner mailed an Office action to applicants on March 6, 2002, setting a one month shortened statutory time period for reply. Upon failure to receive a reply the application was held abandoned by Notice of Abandonment mailed to applicants on November 4, 2002. Applicants state that a reply was filed by facsimile transmission on May 3, 2002, and provide a copy of a facsimile receipt generated by the Office. The original submission has not been located and the copy provided with the petition will be used in lieu thereof. In view of applicants' timely reply the Notice of Abandonment is withdrawn as having been mailed in error and the application is restored to a pending status with the mailing of this decision.

Applicants' petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will be forwarded to the examiner for further consideration.

Should there be any questions regarding this decision, please contact William R. Dixon, Jr., by mail addressed to Director, Technology Center 1600, Washington, D.C. 20231, or by telephone at (703) 308-3824 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 305-7230.


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